

# Griffin Sends Release to Arthur Smith, Signed for Outfield

## PRUNING KNIFE ALREADY AT WORK

Arthur Smith Is First Name to Be Cut From List of Candidates.

Through here but little more than twenty-four hours, Steve Griffin has already drawn the pruning knife, and the head of Arthur Smith was the first to fall in the basket. The outfielder has been released outright, and notification of his release is on the way. That it was coming was hinted in The Times-Dispatch of yesterday. Smith played in Richmond once, before going to Lynchburg in exchange for Arthur Wallace.

While a good ball player, Smith was given to causing unrest among the players. He was what is popularly known as a disorganizer, and since harmony must prevail on a winning club, Griffin thought best to take no chances, and at the same time believed it only fair to Smith to let him know in time so that he could sign somewhere else. A player of Smith's ability should have little trouble landing a job. One of two more heads will probably fall during today. The guttulin will be working all the time while the secretary and the manager are going over the list of available material.

Steve practically completed arrangements yesterday for housing his players. It is almost certain that they will be placed at Connell & Miller new hotel in Third Street, between Broad and Marshall. It is understood that the terms offered the management are acceptable, and a final decision will be made today. Last year the men were allowed to board where they wanted, and as a result were widely scattered. As Steve is going to keep a watchful eye on his charges during the conditioning period, he wants to know just where he can find them all at one haul. Therefore the hotel idea.

This is transportation day, and Secretary Bradley will be kept on the jump signing checks covering various amounts sufficient to bring the men to Richmond. It is hardly probable that they will arrive before Monday, though some, who live close by, may drift in the end of the week. Tennant, Eberts and Brennan will arrive today.

## PHILLIES TRIM BALTIMORE CLUB

Oriole Slabmen Yield Thirteen Hits for Total of Twelve Tallies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., March 18.—Philadelphia National and Baltimore International teams each played its first preseason game of year here today, very large and close going to the Phillies, 12 to 13. The Orioles gave the Baltimore pitchers, Roth, Danforth and his count for twelve runs. Linder led in hitting with four singles, and Robert in batting with the same number of tallies. Cooper, a former Trinity star, made three of the Orioles' hits, and drove in all their runs with a double, which came in the eighth inning when the bases were crowded. Linder, Scaton and Marshall performed on the mound and Powell behind the plate for the big leaguers. Bergen was Baltimore's catcher. The Phillies played errorless ball.

## P. S. EDWARDS TO LEAD BEAVER DAM CLUB

At a recent meeting of the Beaver Dam baseball club, P. S. Edwards was chosen to captain the team of 1913 and T. O. Moss, Jr., as its manager. This meeting had been delayed on account of the absence of several players, but the manager is busy arranging his schedule. At the present outlook, Beaver Dam will have one of the strongest amateur teams in this section. Any amateur team that may want games may write the manager concerning it.

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## CLOSE FINISHES EXCITE CROWD

Lightning Fast Track Produces Some Excellent Time—Just Two Favorites Cash.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Juarez, March 18.—Close and exciting finishes marked the contests this afternoon, and the crowd that turned out was treated to some capital sport. The track was again lightning fast, and excellent time was being set in all of the events. Although but two favorites managed to earn brackets, the spectators had a profitable day, as all of the winners were generously sorted out.

In one of the best finishes seen at the meeting, Upright, a strong second choice, outstayed Stickpin in the final drive and got the verdict by a scant margin in the handling of the feature of the card, Stickpin lost a dazzling pace to the last eighth, where Upright, under vigorous handling, got on even terms, and the two raced neck and neck to the wire. Gold Finn, showing big improvement over her last race, outstayed Napa Nick, the favorite in the fifth race, and got the decision by a neck. Kall Hls and DeLille both had to be driven to the limit to win their respective races, Summard.

First race—five and one-half furlongs—Kall, 8th; Napa Nick, 1st; 2nd, 1:03.5; 3rd, 1:04.5; 4th, 1:05.5; 5th, 1:06.5; 6th, 1:07.5; 7th, 1:08.5; 8th, 1:09.5; 9th, 1:10.5; 10th, 1:11.5; 11th, 1:12.5; 12th, 1:13.5; 13th, 1:14.5; 14th, 1:15.5; 15th, 1:16.5; 16th, 1:17.5; 17th, 1:18.5; 18th, 1:19.5; 19th, 1:20.5; 20th, 1:21.5; 21st, 1:22.5; 22nd, 1:23.5; 23rd, 1:24.5; 24th, 1:25.5; 25th, 1:26.5; 26th, 1:27.5; 27th, 1:28.5; 28th, 1:29.5; 29th, 1:30.5; 30th, 1:31.5; 31st, 1:32.5; 32nd, 1:33.5; 33rd, 1:34.5; 34th, 1:35.5; 35th, 1:36.5; 36th, 1:37.5; 37th, 1:38.5; 38th, 1:39.5; 39th, 1:40.5; 40th, 1:41.5; 41st, 1:42.5; 42nd, 1:43.5; 43rd, 1:44.5; 44th, 1:45.5; 45th, 1:46.5; 46th, 1:47.5; 47th, 1:48.5; 48th, 1:49.5; 49th, 1:50.5; 50th, 1:51.5; 51st, 1:52.5; 52nd, 1:53.5; 53rd, 1:54.5; 54th, 1:55.5; 55th, 1:56.5; 56th, 1:57.5; 57th, 1:58.5; 58th, 1:59.5; 59th, 2:00.5; 60th, 2:01.5; 61st, 2:02.5; 62nd, 2:03.5; 63rd, 2:04.5; 64th, 2:05.5; 65th, 2:06.5; 66th, 2:07.5; 67th, 2:08.5; 68th, 2:09.5; 69th, 2:10.5; 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